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Defendants/Appellees

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- 1 human dignity to give the condemned their
- 2 first amendment right to speak until the end.
- 3 And I don't know how to describe that. That
- 4 is another yet act of suffering. Remove the
- 5 Vecuronium Bromide. But certainly, I think
- 6 the number one is removing the paralytic and
- 7 speeding up the process.
- 8 THE COURT: And is this a bit of
- 9 unusual use of the Glossip alternative? When
- 10 they say the Glossip alternative, I guess
- 11 conceptually excluding something is an
- 12 alternative. But from everything that I've
- 13 read, Glossip, an alternative is something
- 14 different. It's not exclusion. It's using a
- 15 different drug or a different method.
- MR. TENNENT: I think we're
- 17 looking at strictly is it feasible.
- 18 Absolutely. It's clearly feasible to have
- 19 the other two drugs. And they're readily
- 20 available. So taking those terms and turning
- 21 them on their face.
- 22 THE COURT: I'm not sure that the
- 23 Defendants have had an opportunity to really
- 24 process that as an alternative you have.
- 25 Are you prepared to speak to it

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- 1 or not? I will let Mr. Tennent finish. Do
- 2 we need more time or are you going to wrap it
- 3 up today?
- 4 MR. SUTHERLAND: I think we need
- 5 more time. Frankly, it sounds like to me
- 6 that it's possible. We would certainly need
- 7 to talk to the Department. It sounds like to
- 8 me it's certainly something we'd do.
- 9 THE COURT: Okay. Let's proceed
- 10 then. Anything else? I've been asking you
- 11 the question, because I want to make sure
- 12 that I understand the function of this. So
- 13 tell me anything else. I'll stop
- 14 interrupting so I will get the full benefit
- 15 of your presentation on this.
- MR. TENNENT: Thank you, Your
- 17 Honor. Factually, I think we introduced
- 18 evidence from Arizona to remove the
- 19 paralytic. That's evidence in the record. I
- 20 believe among other places in the
- 21 complaint -- under the alternative section,
- 22 we allege that Vecuronium was unnecessary in
- 23 the 302 and 303. I'm not going to sit here
- 24 and read all of the paragraphs. But we
- 25 definitely alleged it in there to say it had